



On the Economic Scene



A weekly economic development briefing from the Volusia County Department of Economic Development

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VOLUSIA COUNTY QUARTERLY ECONOMIC BRIEFING -- The next quarterly economic development briefing from the Volusia County Economic Development Division will be at 7:45 a.m. Friday, May 5, in the Dennis R. McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport. Jeff Boerger, vice president of International Speedway Corporation Corporate Development, will be the featured speaker. For more information, call 386-248-8048.

TSA PRECHECK ENROLLMENT AT DAB -- TSA will host a PreCheck enrollment event at Daytona Beach International Airport May 8 to 12. The PreCheck office is located in the baggage area, opposite the rental car counters. PreCheck allows participating flyers to experience a more efficient airport screening process by leaving on shoes, light jackets and belts and leaving laptops and compliant liquids in carry-on bags. Passengers must pre-enroll and schedule an appointment at www.identogo.com. At the appointment, passengers must show documentation proving identity and citizenship status. The \$85 application fee can be paid by credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Once enrolled, the PreCheck status is valid for five years. For a complete list of required documents, visit www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/required-documentation.

ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ROBOTICS – This academy at Spruce Creek High School prepares students for tomorrow's careers in the fields of information technology, computer programming, robotics, simulation and game design. This four-year school-within-a-school program immerses students in a project based integrated learning environment. The academy has partnered with the Ford Motor Company Fund and its Next Generation Learning Network curriculum to deliver a hands-on approach to learning with a multidisciplinary team of teachers. For more information, contact Academy Director Dru Urquhart at dhurquha@volusia.k12.fl.us.

DATA SOLUTIONS LUNCH AND LEARN – MPower Data Solutions will host data industry professionals and business owners for a lunch and learn from noon to 2 p.m. May 24 at LPGA International, 1000 Champions Drive, Daytona Beach. Topics include ransomware, backup and disaster recovery, 24/7/365 help desk, and internet and phone services. The free event includes lunch. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.mpowerfl.com or by calling 386-676-1611.

LOCAL FIRMS SELECTED FOR TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR – Two Daytona Beach-based firms were among eight recently selected by an advanced technology accelerator in Orlando to participate in its eight-week program that pairs them with successful entrepreneurs and potential investors. The local firms include LibLob and TSO Life. LibLob is a peer-to-peer marketplace startup that connects adventure sport equipment owners with adventure-seeking enthusiasts in a simple and fun online rental marketplace. TSO Life, a former winner of the Cairns Innovation Challenge, is a social networking startup creating new and innovative ways to preserve legacy and pass down life stories for future generations.

FLORIDA & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SPENDING -- Florida has been ranked among the top five states in the nation for its commercial real estate industry's spending impact and the number of industry sustained jobs, according to a recent National Association of Industrial and Office Parks "Economic Impacts of Commercial Real Estate" report. Florida's impact — a combination of materials, site selection and development hard costs and soft costs such as design fees — totaled \$7.6 billion last year. This is slightly ahead of 2015 figures when the state was ranked No. 5 in overall development.

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME-BASED BUSINESSES -- SCORE will present a seminar on home-based business financing from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Daytona State College Campus, UCF building 150, Daytona Beach. The workshop is designed for anyone thinking about starting a home-based business and for existing businesses needing financing to move forward. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.score87.org or by calling 386-255-6889.

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